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House of Representatives

The House was not in session today. Its next meeting will be held on Monday, October 30, 1995, at 12:30 p.m.

Senate

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 27, 1995

(Legislative day of Thursday, October 26, 1995)

The Senate met at 9:15 a.m., on the expiration of the recess, and was called to order by the President pro tempore [Mr. THURMOND].

PRAYER

The Chaplain, Dr. Lloyd John Ogilvie, offered the following prayer:

Let us pray:

Almighty God, You have told us that nothing can separate us from You. That is both a source of comfort and challenge. We are comforted by Your love, forgiveness, and constant care. We are challenged by our accountability to You. To whom much is given, much will be required. You are the righteous Judge of our words and our decisions. Help us to seek Your will in all that we do. You have said, "Let him who glories glory in this, that he understands and knows me, that I am the Lord exercising loving kindness, judgment and righteousness in the earth. For in these I delight."—Jeremiah 9:24. We want to do what delights You. We repent of the pride of ever thinking we can lead this Nation without Your priorities of righteousness, purity, truth, and Your power to implement them. May intimate communion with You always be the source of integrity in our leadership. We commit ourselves to live this day to Your glory, totally dependent on the presence and power of our Lord. Amen.

ORDER OF PROCEDURE

Mr. GRAHAM. Mr. President, reserving the right to object, I would like to

ask a question. We have been waiting since late yesterday afternoon to receive a copy of the Finance Committee amendment.

Could the manager indicate when that might be available?

Mr. STEVENS. Mr. President, this Senator has no answer to that. There is no time. The schedule is to start voting immediately.

Mr. GRAHAM. Mr. President, I want to—I continue my reservation of objection. I am going to object strenuously if—I would like the floor manager's attention.

The PRESIDENT pro tempore. The regular order is for the clerk to report the bill.

Mr. GRAHAM. Mr. President, I think I have the floor, and I wish to announce that I am going to object strenuously—

The PRESIDENT pro tempore. The Senator does not have the right to the floor at this time.

Mr. GRAHAM. To any attempt—

The PRESIDENT pro tempore. The Senator does not have a right to the floor at this time.

BALANCED BUDGET RECONCILIATION ACT OF 1995

The Senate resumed consideration of the bill.

The PRESIDENT pro tempore. The clerk will report the bill.

The legislative clerk read as follows:

The bill (S. 1357) to provide for reconciliation pursuant to section 105 of the concurrent resolution on the budget for fiscal year 1996.

Pending:

Gramm amendment No. 2978, to provide States additional flexibility in providing for Medicaid beneficiaries.

Kerry/Kennedy amendment No. 2979, to express the sense of the Senate that the Senate should debate and vote on whether to raise the minimum wage before the end of the first session of the 104th Congress.

Domenici (for Murkowski/Johnston) amendment No. 2980, of a technical nature.

Kennedy/Kassebaum amendment No. 2981, to strike the provision allowing the transfer of excess pension assets.

Wellstone amendment No. 2982, to eliminate the tax deduction for oil drilling, to eliminate the corporate minimum tax provisions, to eliminate the foreign earned income exclusion, and to eliminate the section 936 possession tax credit.

Pryor/Cohen amendment No. 2983, to provide for the continuation of requirements for nursing facilities in the Medicaid Program.

Simon amendment No. 2984, in the nature of a substitute.

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. CAMPBELL). The Senator from New Mexico.

Mr. DOMENICI. Mr. President, might I take 3 minutes and answer the Senator?

Senator Graham, I understand that the staff, Senator DOLE's staff, is in the process of delivering the amendment to you right now.

Mr. GRAHAM. The point I was making, if I could, Mr. President, is that I am going to object strenuously if the 10-minute rule is attempted to be applied to the Finance Committee amendment.

We have not had an adequate opportunity to evaluate and to understand

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